

## Regular Council Meeting

January 7, 2015

The regular meeting of the Arlington City Council was held on January 7, 2015 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Present were Councilors: Gary Grossmiller, Diane Wetherell, Leslie Walborn, Denise Ball, Susan Jones, Doug Hammer, Mayor Jeff Bufton, Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell, Attorney Will Carey and Recorder Pam Rosenbalm. Guests include: Kevin Hunking, Marta Mikkalo, Peter Mitchell, Brad Baird and Julius Courtney. Mayor Bufton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Bufton explained Councilor's Grossmiller, Wetherell and Jones were present to listen and give their input, but would not be voting at this Council Meeting. (There is a Special Election January 27, 2015 for their Council Positions.)

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Marta Mikkalo was present and asked if there had been any word on the sale of the lower trailer park. There has been no word on that sale as of now. Kevin Hunking School Superintendent was present and informed the Council; the snowball tournament was a success, there was a full house for the winter program, and Morris Mustafic is still working on his A project. Marta also stated there was an incident with a resident who had called the Sheriff's Department regarding a man looking in the windows of her house. This woman has not heard back from the Sheriff's Department, therefore Marta was concerned on the response of the Sheriff's Department in Arlington.

**COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE:** Marta Mikkalo was present and reported the two billboards have been installed on the freeway. She also stated there has been positive feedback on those signs.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The consent agenda consisted of the following items: a. Approval of minutes-December 3, 2014. b. Approval of bills as listed. Councilor Ball motioned to approve the consent agenda. Councilor Walborn seconded that motion. Roll call; Hammer-yes, Ball-yes, Walborn-yes, Bufton-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**HOUSE KEEPING MEASURES:** Councilor Walborn motioned to keep the **regular meeting** of the Council on the first Wednesday after the first Monday of the month at the hour of 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Council Chambers; designate Annala, Carey, Baker & Thompson as **attorney-of-record**; Anderson Perry & Associates as **engineer-of-record**; Bank of Eastern Oregon and Local Investment Pool as **depositories-of-record**; The Times Journal and East Oregonian as **newspapers-of-record** and appoint Pam Rosenbalm as Budget Officer for 2015. Councilor Ball seconded that motion. Roll call; Hammer-yes, Ball-yes, Walborn-yes, Bufton-yes. Motion passed unanimously.

**BRAD BARID-ANDERSON PERRY & ASSOCIATES:** Brad informed the Council he was in Arlington today discussing a possible new tenant at the Mesa Industrial Park. Brad also stated he is helping Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell with the surge issues at the lower pump. Brad then thanked the Council for their approval of Anderson Perry & Associates with engineers of record for another year. Brad then reported on January 22, 2015, there will be a walk through with the State at the Mesa Industrial Park regarding the Site Certification.

**COUNCILORS REPORT:**

- Councilor Hammer thanked Tim Wetherell for fixing a bent stop sign in town. Councilor Hammer then reported the hiring committee had done interviews and have hired Bill Rosenbalm, for the Public Works Crew Position. Councilor Hammer stated there wasn't a tough decision on who to hire, the tough decision was on an agreeable rate of pay. He stated the Hiring Committee felt this individual has the potential to step into a higher position if and when available. Mr. Rosenbalm can weld, fix equipment, and will bring his own tools to the job and also has Supervisor experience. Councilor Hammer stated I am confident of his skill set and experience he'll bring to the city. Councilor Jones stated she wished the other Councilors had been informed before this meeting on who had been hired. She stated she had been questioned at the bank while working from individuals who felt this was nepotism. Councilor Hammer stated potentially two of the applicants had a relative who already worked for the city and Tim Wetherell is this employees Supervisor, not Pam Rosenbalm. Councilor Hammer also stated if you removed the names from the applications you would see it was a clear choice, therefore the Hiring Committee stands behind this decision 100%. Councilor Jones stated she agrees on hiring the most qualified, she just would have liked to of been notified beforehand. Councilor Walborn motioned to approve the hiring of Bill Rosenbalm as the new city employee starting pay at \$17.00 an hour. After a six month review pay will increase to \$18.00 an hour. Councilor Ball seconded that motion. Councilor Walborn amended her motion and added the additional pay would be given if appropriate. Councilor Ball seconded the amended motion. Roll call: Hammer-yes, Ball-yes, Walborn-yes, Bufton-yes. Motion passed.
- Councilor Jones had no report to give.
- Councilor Ball had no report to give.
- Councilor Walborn had no report to give.
- Councilor Wetherell had no report to give.
- Councilor Grossmiller had no report to give.

- Public Works Superintendent Tim Wetherell had no report to give.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Jeffery Bufton, Mayor

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Pam Rosenbalm, Recorder